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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: MARIKINA RIVER MULTI-PURPOSE
PROJECT

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1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SECOND PHASE OF THE LONG RANGE PROGRAM TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE METRO MANILA AREA. THE PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED IN THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN AND ABOUT 100 METERS UPSTREAM OF THE MONTALBAN GORGE AT BARRIO WAWA, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM, SPILL-WAY, DIVERSION TUNNELS, WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND A HYDROELECTRIC PLANT. STAGE I IS TO DEVELOP THE MARIKINA RIVER FOR 360 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY (MGD) WATER SUPPLY, AND A POWER COMPONENT WITH AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 10 MEGAWATTS, WHILE THE SECOND STAGE, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY 1990, WILL TREBLE THE WATER SUPPLY CAPACITY AND INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE POWER COMPONENT TO 30 MEGAWATTS TO BE CONNECTED TO THE LUZON GRID.

2. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY/CONTACT:

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3. PROJECT COST AND FINANCING: CONSULTANTS ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING COST FIGURES, BUT LATEST ESTIMATES INDICATE TOTAL COST OF FIRST STAGE AT \$312.7 MILLION, OF WHICH \$150 MILLION IS THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT. AN \$800,000 SWISS LOAN IS FINANCING THE FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY, THE CONTRACT WON BY THE CONSORTIUM OF TECHNOSPHERE CONSULTANTS GROUP (PHIL), ELECTRO-WATT (SWISS), AND RENARDET (FRENCH) LATE LAST YEAR. FINANCING COULD BE PROBABLE CAUSE OF DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTATION, BUT PREFERENCE WAS EXPRESSED FOR SOFT AND UNTIED LOANS. OFFERS TO FINANCE THE DETAILED ENGINEERING STUDIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM SWISS AND OTHER EUROPEAN BANKS BUT NOTHING IS DEFINITE YET. SIMILAR OFFERS FOR PROJECT COST FINANCING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BUT NONE HAVE YET BEEN ENDORSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO PICOREM, AND THIS ASPECT IS STILL OPEN.
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4. SCHEDULE AND STATUS: THE FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1979, AT THE LATEST, WITH THE DETAILED ENGINEERING TO START ABOUT JANUARY 1979 UP TO MID-1980. CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START EARLY 1980 TO MEET 1984 DEADLINE. STAGE II WILL BE IMPLEMENTED 4-6 YEARS AFTERWARDS. MACASPAC SAID THERE IS 70 PERCENT CHANCE THAT THE CURRENT CONSULTANTS WILL BE RETAINED TO DO THE DETAILED ENGINEERING AND THE SUPERVISION OF PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. CURRENT THINKING SEEMS TO BE TO AVOID DISTURBING THE TIMETABLE UNLESS THE CONSTANTS' WORK SHOULD PROVE UNSATISFACTORY, WHICH IS NOT VERLY LIKELY.

5. POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES: THE PROJECT HAS NOT JELLED, PENDING THE DETAILED ENGINEERING STAGE. EQUIPMENT SUPPLY DECISIONS WILL DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON FINANCING PACKAGES. HOWEVER, MACASPAC SAID THAT THE POWER COMPONENT AND THE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS COULD BE BIDDED OUT AS SEPARATE PROJECT PACKAGES, WHILE THE REST OF THE CIVIL WORKS WILL BE DONE BY LOCAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.
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